

REMARKS

This response was previously submitted by Applicant before the filing of this Request for Continued Examination, but was not entered according to the Advisory Action mailed on May 20, 2003.

The Patent Office rejected claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nanaji (U.S. Patent No. 5,630,528) in view of Kopl et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,447,062). Applicant has cancelled claims 1-10 without prejudice and added new claims 11-20.

Claims 11-18 claim a fuel dispenser having upstream valves, a liquid measuring device, and downstream valves within corresponding nozzles, wherein no additional valves are located between the liquid measuring device and the nozzles. Claims 19-20 are similar to claims 11-18 and define a method for dispensing fuel.

The combination of Nanaji and Kopl fails to teach or suggest a fuel dispenser having a common liquid measuring device, wherein two or more downstream valves are located within corresponding nozzles and no additional valves are located between the liquid measuring device and the nozzles. Kopl discloses a flow meter having a screw spindle arrangement. Nanaji discloses a fuel dispenser having inlet valves (101-103), a meter (90), and outlet valves (111-113). However, the outlet valves (111-113) are located between the meter (90) and nozzles (71-73) and not within the nozzles (71-73). Nanaji also discloses actuating levers (81-83) within the nozzles (71-73) used in combination with the outlet valves (111-113). However, Nanaji fails to disclose downstream valves within the nozzles (71-73) and no additional valves being located between the meter (90) and the nozzles (71-73).

Since the combination of Nanaji and Kopl fails to explicitly or inherently disclose a fuel dispenser including two or more upstream valves, a liquid measuring device, and two or more downstream valves within corresponding nozzles, wherein no additional valves are located between the liquid measuring device and the nozzles, claims 11-20 are allowable. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

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